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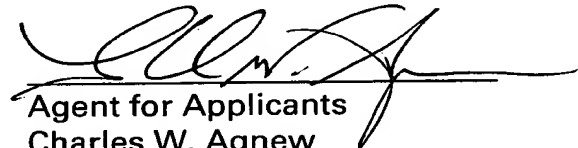
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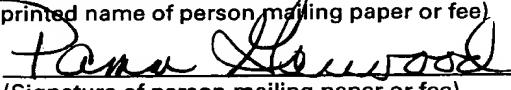
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

This is an amendment and response to issues raised in the Office action dated May 5, 2004 (Paper No.40) following Applicants' Preliminary Amendment filed February 18, 2004. An interview was conducted between Applicants' representatives and Mr. Willse and Mr. Blanco at the USPTO on April 15, 2004 in which suggested claim language was discussed. In response to the Office action and interview, Applicants request that the claims be amended as follows: